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Unemployment Rates

March 2010

(County Rankings)

1	Rankin	7.1	42	Tate	12.7
2	Madison	7.6	43	Jasper	12.8
3	Lamar	7.7	44	Lowndes	12.8
4	Scott	8.1	45	Alcorn	12.9
5	DeSoto	8.5	46	Jeff Davis	13.1
6	Lafayette	8.6	47	Wilkinson	13.2
7	Forrest	8.8	48	Franklin	13.3
8	Jones	8.8	49	Yazoo	13.3
9	Stone	8.8	50	Wayne	13.4
10	Harrison	9.2	51	Tallahatchie	13.5
11	Hancock	9.3	52	Clarke	13.6
12	Hinds	9.7	53	Prentiss	14.0
13	Oktibbeha	9.9	54	Walthall	14.0
14	Simpson	10.0	55	Benton	14.1
15	Covington	10.2	56	Sharkey	14.1
16	George	10.2	57	Choctaw	14.4
17	Jackson	10.3	58	Grenada	14.4
18	Neshoba	10.6	59	Panola	14.4
19	Newton	10.8	60	Marshall	14.5
20	Pearl River	10.8	61	Tishomingo	14.5
21	Copiah	11.1	62	Chickasaw	14.8
22	Leake	11.2	63	Monroe	14.9
23	Lauderdale	11.4	64	Leflore	15.1
24	Lincoln	11.5	65	Quitman	15.4
25	Smith	11.5	66	Yalobusha	15.4
26	Perry	11.6	67	Issaquena	15.5
27	Union	11.6	68	Coahoma	15.6
28	Warren	11.6	69	Washington	16.0
29	Adams	11.7	70	Montgomery	16.1
30	Calhoun	11.7	71	Humphreys	16.3
31	Kemper	11.7	72	Webster	16.3
32	Lee	11.7	73	Attala	16.4
33	Pontotoc	11.7	74	Tippah	16.4
34	Pike	12.1	75	Claiborne	16.9
35	Carroll	12.2	76	Sunflower	16.9
36	Amite	12.4	77	Jefferson	18.3
37	Lawrence	12.5	78	Tunica	19.6
38	Marion	12.5	79	Winston	21.1
39	Bolivar	12.6	80	Clay	21.2
40	Greene	12.6	81	Holmes	21.8
41	Itawamba	12.7	82	Noxubee	22.4

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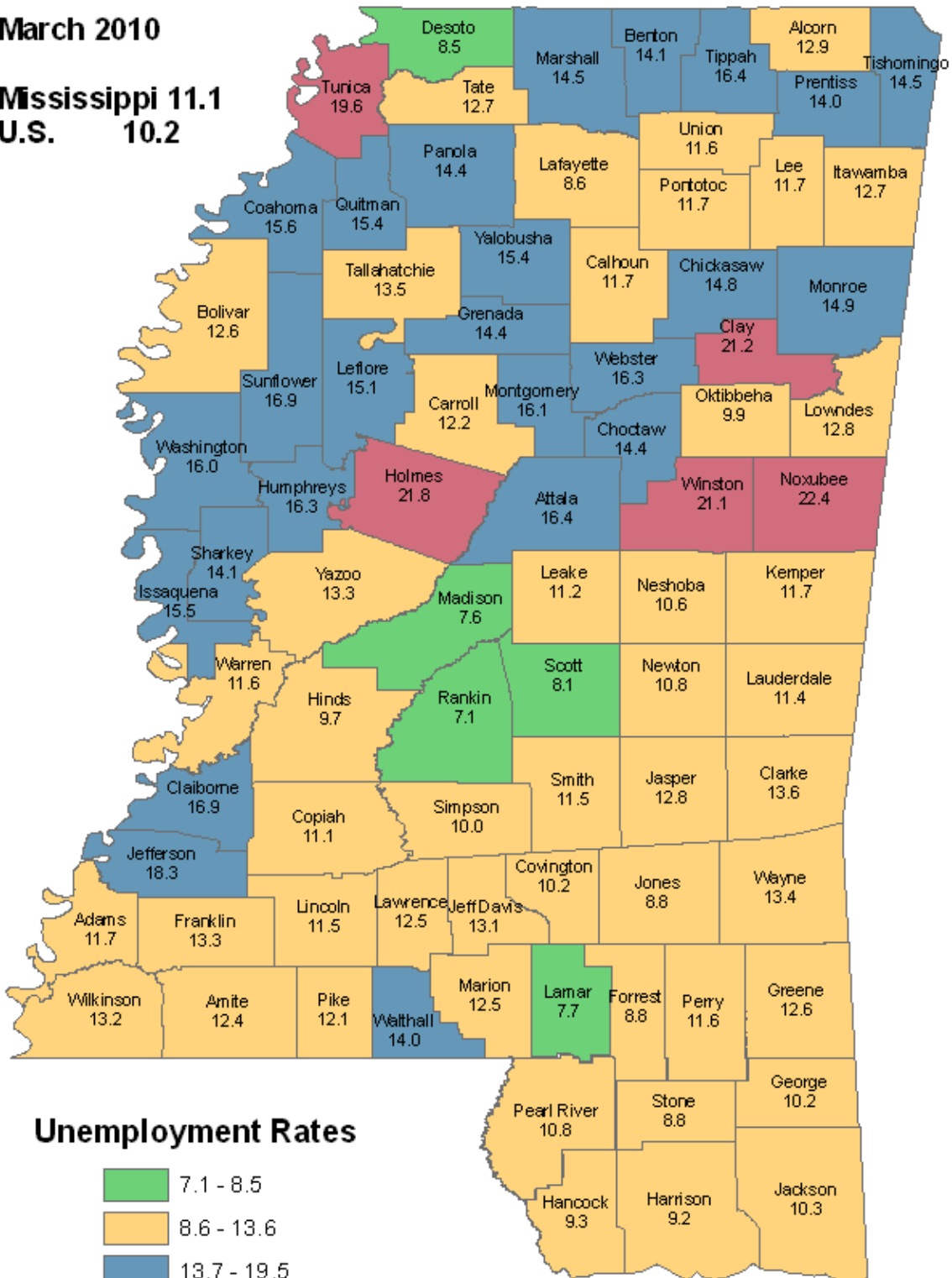
Note: Unless indicated state and county data presented are not seasonally adjusted.

Mississippi Unemployment Rates by County

March 2010

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Labor Force Highlights

Seasonally Adjusted

Mississippi's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was unchanged for March 2010 at 11.5 percent. When compared to one year ago, the rate was 2.6 percentage points higher than the 8.9 percent reported for March 2009. The Nation's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained unchanged over the month at 9.7 percent, but was 1.1 percentage points higher than the year ago rate of 8.6 percent.

Seasonally adjusted data removes the effects of events that follow a more or less regular pattern each year such as the influences of weather, holidays, the opening and closing of schools, and other recurring seasonal events. These adjustments make it easier to observe the cyclical and other non-seasonal movements in a data series. Amounts are seasonally adjusted at the National and State levels only.

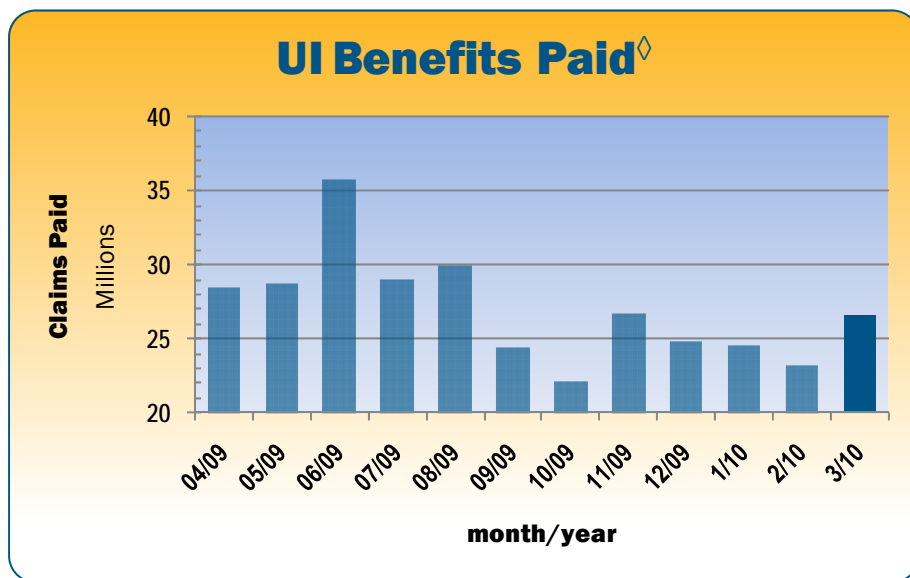
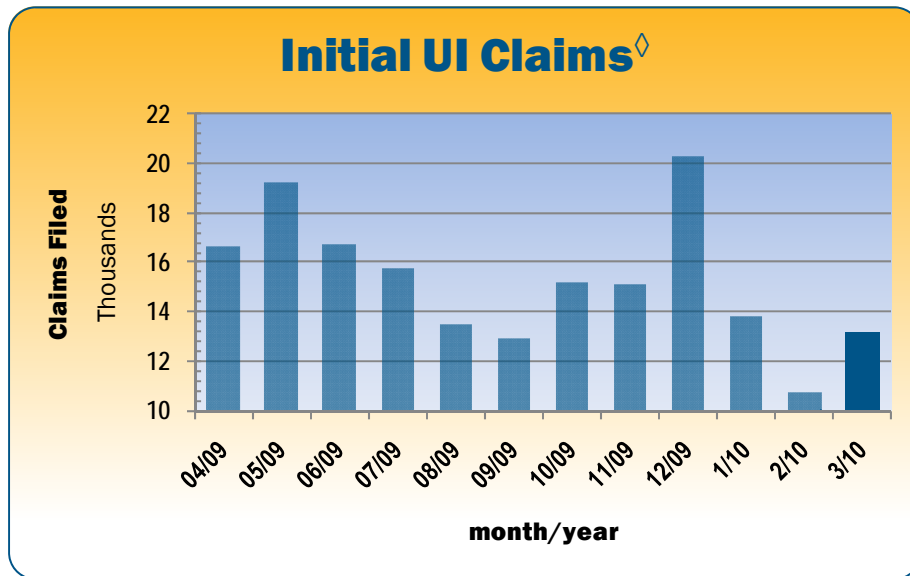
Unadjusted

Mississippi's not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for March 2010 was 11.1 percent, decreasing one percentage point from the previous month's rate of 12.1 percent. When compared to the March 2009 rate of 8.9 percent, the rate increased 2.2 percentage points. The number of unemployed decreased 13,800 over the month, while the employed total increased 7,600 from the prior month. The Nation's not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for March 2010 at 10.2 percent was down two-tenths of a percentage point over the month, but was 1.2 percentage points higher than the year ago rate of 9.0 percent.

Results from Mississippi's nonfarm employment survey, which is counted by the location of establishments, reported a not seasonally adjusted increase of 5,900 in employment over the month, but a decrease of 18,100 from one year ago. Industry sectors registering the largest monthly employment gains were Government; Leisure & Hospitality; Educational & Health Services; and Construction.

For the month of March 2010, only twenty-one counties in Mississippi posted unemployment rates less than or equal to the state's rate of 11.1 percent. Unemployment rates decreased over the month in all eighty-two counties. Rankin County posted the lowest unemployment rate for the month of March at 7.1 percent followed by Madison County at 7.6 percent. Nineteen counties reported rates greater than 15.0 percent with four counties reporting rates greater than 20.0 percent. Noxubee County had the highest unemployment rate for March at 22.4 percent.

State of Mississippi Unemployment Insurance Data[◇]



[◇] Unemployment insurance amounts presented in this section only represent regular UI benefits; federal program amounts are not included.

Labor Force and Employment Security Data

Labor Force Data					
State of Mississippi	Preliminary March 2010	Revised February 2010	Revised March 2009	2009 Annual Average	Moving** Average
Civilian Labor Force	1,291,700	1,297,900	1,287,200	1,292,000	1,293,800
Unemployed	143,300	157,100	115,100	123,400	132,800
Unemployment Rate (Unadjusted)	11.1	12.1	8.9	9.6	10.3
Unemployment Rate (Adjusted)	11.5	11.5	8.9	xxx	xxx
Employed	1,148,400	1,140,800	1,172,100	1,168,600	1,161,000

Labor Force Data					
United States	Preliminary March 2010	Revised February 2010	Revised March 2009	2009 Annual Average	Moving** Average
Civilian Labor Force	153,660,000	153,194,000	153,728,000	154,142,000	154,045,000
Unemployed	15,678,000	15,991,000	13,895,000	14,265,000	14,866,000
Unemployment Rate (Unadjusted)	10.2	10.4	9.0	9.3	9.7
Unemployment Rate (Adjusted)	9.7	9.7	8.6	xxx	xxx
Employed	137,983,000	137,203,000	139,833,000	139,877,000	139,179,000

Unemployment Insurance Data ♦			
State of Mississippi	March 2010	February 2010	Revised March 2009
Initial UI Claims	13,125	10,710	17,961
Continued Claims	162,648	155,822	215,715
Benefits Paid	\$26,570,203	\$23,178,066	\$33,120,226
Weeks Paid	143,401	124,340	172,141
First Payments	6,289	6,219	9,387
Final Payments	4,114	3,593	3,332
Average Weekly Benefit	\$185.29	\$186.41	\$192.40

Estimates for the current month are preliminary and the prior month amounts have been revised.

** Average for most recent twelve months, including current month.

♦ Unemployment Insurance amounts presented in this section only represent regular UI benefits; federal program amounts are not included.

Definitions are provided on page 29.

Labor force amounts are produced in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Note: Unless indicated state and county data presented are not seasonally adjusted.

Labor Force Estimates

Place of residence – Persons 16 years of age and older

Area	Preliminary March 2010				Revised February 2010			
	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployment Number	Rate	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployment Number	Rate
Mississippi	1,291,700	1,148,400	143,300	11.1	1,297,900	1,140,800	157,100	12.1
Gulfport-Biloxi MSA	113,630	103,170	10,460	9.2	113,840	102,450	11,390	10.0
Hattiesburg MSA	67,270	61,470	5,800	8.6	66,950	60,510	6,440	9.6
Jackson MSA	261,710	238,990	22,720	8.7	261,960	236,860	25,100	9.6
Pascagoula MSA	70,940	63,620	7,320	10.3	71,640	63,750	7,890	11.0
United States	153,660,000	137,983,000	15,678,000	10.2	153,194,000	137,203,000	15,991,000	10.4
United States†	153,910,000	138,905,000	15,005,000	9.7	153,512,000	138,641,000	14,871,000	9.7
Counties								
Adams	13,150	11,620	1,530	11.7	13,070	11,510	1,560	12.0
Alcorn	14,870	12,950	1,920	12.9	15,040	12,930	2,110	14.0
Amite	5,120	4,490	630	12.4	5,160	4,460	700	13.5
Attala	6,730	5,630	1,100	16.4	6,920	5,710	1,210	17.4
Benton	2,700	2,320	380	14.1	2,710	2,280	430	15.8
Bolivar	14,750	12,900	1,850	12.6	14,850	12,780	2,070	14.0
Calhoun	5,740	5,070	670	11.7	5,810	4,990	820	14.1
Carroll	4,770	4,190	580	12.2	4,800	4,130	670	13.9
Chickasaw	7,040	6,000	1,040	14.8	6,960	5,870	1,090	15.7
Choctaw	3,460	2,960	500	14.4	3,540	2,930	610	17.1
Claiborne	3,860	3,210	650	16.9	3,880	3,160	720	18.5
Clarke	6,940	6,000	940	13.6	7,000	6,040	960	13.7
Clay	7,500	5,910	1,590	21.2	7,580	5,930	1,650	21.7
Coahoma	10,090	8,520	1,570	15.6	10,180	8,400	1,780	17.5
Copiah	12,200	10,850	1,350	11.1	12,240	10,750	1,490	12.2
Covington	8,710	7,820	890	10.2	8,730	7,750	980	11.2
DeSoto	75,940	69,500	6,440	8.5	75,940	68,950	6,990	9.2
Forrest	37,610	34,290	3,320	8.8	37,430	33,760	3,670	9.8
Franklin	2,980	2,580	400	13.3	3,010	2,560	450	14.9
George	9,390	8,430	960	10.2	9,570	8,440	1,130	11.8
Greene	4,760	4,160	600	12.6	4,810	4,130	680	14.2
Grenada	8,470	7,250	1,220	14.4	8,730	7,390	1,340	15.4
Hancock	18,500	16,780	1,720	9.3	18,510	16,670	1,840	9.9
Harrison	87,350	79,300	8,050	9.2	87,500	78,750	8,750	10.0
Hinds	117,820	106,420	11,400	9.7	117,970	105,470	12,500	10.6
Holmes	7,060	5,520	1,540	21.8	7,060	5,420	1,640	23.3
Humphreys	4,200	3,510	690	16.3	4,240	3,460	780	18.3
Issaquena	700	590	110	15.5	720	580	140	19.2
Itawamba	9,580	8,370	1,210	12.7	9,690	8,310	1,380	14.2
Jackson	61,560	55,200	6,360	10.3	62,080	55,310	6,770	10.9
Jasper	7,490	6,530	960	12.8	7,540	6,520	1,020	13.5
Jefferson	2,800	2,290	510	18.3	2,830	2,270	560	19.7
Jeff Davis	4,890	4,250	640	13.1	4,860	4,170	690	14.2
Jones	30,020	27,380	2,640	8.8	30,380	27,340	3,040	10.0
Kemper	3,870	3,420	450	11.7	3,970	3,440	530	13.4
Lafayette	22,380	20,450	1,930	8.6	22,590	20,390	2,200	9.7
Lamar	24,450	22,580	1,870	7.7	24,350	22,230	2,120	8.7
Lauderdale	32,670	28,960	3,710	11.4	33,140	29,120	4,020	12.1
Lawrence	5,280	4,620	660	12.5	5,300	4,580	720	13.6

Labor Force Estimates

Place of residence – Persons 16 years of age and older

Revised March 2009				Area
Labor Force	Employed	Unemployment Number	Rate	†adjusted
1,287,200	1,172,100	115,100	8.9	Mississippi
112,210	103,980	8,230	7.3	Gulfport-Biloxi MSA
65,460	61,100	4,360	6.7	Hattiesburg MSA
258,450	240,450	18,000	7.0	Jackson MSA
70,720	65,160	5,560	7.9	Pascagoula MSA
153,728,000	139,833,000	13,895,000	9.0	United States
154,164,000	140,854,000	13,310,000	8.6	United States†
				Counties
12,990	11,840	1,150	8.8	Adams
15,330	13,510	1,820	11.9	Alcorn
5,090	4,540	550	10.9	Amite
7,170	6,180	990	13.7	Attala
2,840	2,420	420	14.9	Benton
14,910	13,350	1,560	10.4	Bolivar
5,760	5,140	620	10.8	Calhoun
4,750	4,300	450	9.4	Carroll
7,160	6,230	930	13.0	Chickasaw
3,390	2,970	420	12.4	Choctaw
3,590	3,070	520	14.5	Claiborne
6,850	6,170	680	9.9	Clarke
7,210	6,090	1,120	15.5	Clay
9,960	8,740	1,220	12.3	Coahoma
11,990	10,910	1,080	9.0	Copiah
8,620	7,980	640	7.4	Covington
77,020	71,690	5,330	6.9	DeSoto
36,610	34,090	2,520	6.9	Forrest
3,030	2,690	340	11.1	Franklin
9,480	8,630	850	9.0	George
4,820	4,330	490	10.2	Greene
9,060	7,930	1,130	12.4	Grenada
18,330	16,920	1,410	7.7	Hancock
86,190	79,930	6,260	7.3	Harrison
115,890	107,070	8,820	7.6	Hinds
7,160	5,790	1,370	19.1	Holmes
4,170	3,620	550	13.2	Humphreys
660	580	80	12.6	Issaquena
9,740	8,690	1,050	10.8	Itawamba
61,240	56,530	4,710	7.7	Jackson
7,350	6,660	690	9.4	Jasper
2,760	2,300	460	16.6	Jefferson
5,190	4,730	460	8.8	Jeff Davis
29,960	27,910	2,050	6.9	Jones
4,040	3,520	520	12.9	Kemper
22,080	20,670	1,410	6.4	Lafayette
23,820	22,440	1,380	5.8	Lamar
32,640	29,760	2,880	8.8	Lauderdale
5,400	4,870	530	9.8	Lawrence



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Labor Force Estimates

Place of residence – Persons 16 years of age and older

Area	Preliminary March 2010				Revised February 2010			
	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployment		Labor Force	Employed	Unemployment	
			Number	Rate			Number	Rate
Counties								
Leake	8,650	7,680	970	11.2	8,600	7,560	1,040	12.1
Lee	36,040	31,830	4,210	11.7	36,150	31,620	4,530	12.5
Leflore	13,380	11,360	2,020	15.1	13,410	11,200	2,210	16.5
Lincoln	13,820	12,230	1,590	11.5	13,910	12,190	1,720	12.4
Lowndes	25,730	22,450	3,280	12.8	25,910	22,390	3,520	13.6
Madison	46,010	42,500	3,510	7.6	46,080	42,120	3,960	8.6
Marion	10,990	9,620	1,370	12.5	11,130	9,650	1,480	13.3
Marshall	15,330	13,110	2,220	14.5	15,320	13,010	2,310	15.1
Monroe	15,640	13,310	2,330	14.9	15,620	13,170	2,450	15.7
Montgomery	4,560	3,820	740	16.1	4,600	3,800	800	17.5
Neshoba	12,540	11,210	1,330	10.6	12,780	11,170	1,610	12.6
Newton	8,970	8,000	970	10.8	9,140	8,080	1,060	11.6
Noxubee	3,470	2,690	780	22.4	3,450	2,640	810	23.4
Oktibbeha	21,130	19,040	2,090	9.9	21,280	18,970	2,310	10.8
Panola	14,720	12,600	2,120	14.4	14,820	12,540	2,280	15.4
Pearl River	21,510	19,190	2,320	10.8	21,710	19,150	2,560	11.8
Perry	5,200	4,600	600	11.6	5,170	4,530	640	12.5
Pike	15,410	13,540	1,870	12.1	15,400	13,440	1,960	12.7
Pontotoc	12,530	11,060	1,470	11.7	12,660	10,990	1,670	13.2
Prentiss	10,730	9,230	1,500	14.0	10,820	9,160	1,660	15.3
Quitman	3,430	2,900	530	15.4	3,430	2,860	570	16.7
Rankin	73,900	68,630	5,270	7.1	73,910	68,020	5,890	8.0
Scott	13,770	12,660	1,110	8.1	13,790	12,570	1,220	8.9
Sharkey	2,490	2,140	350	14.1	2,510	2,090	420	16.7
Simpson	11,760	10,590	1,170	10.0	11,760	10,490	1,270	10.8
Smith	6,230	5,520	710	11.5	6,270	5,480	790	12.5
Stone	7,770	7,080	690	8.8	7,830	7,030	800	10.2
Sunflower	10,550	8,770	1,780	16.9	10,610	8,590	2,020	19.0
Tallahatchie	5,840	5,050	790	13.5	5,860	4,970	890	15.2
Tate	11,710	10,220	1,490	12.7	11,700	10,140	1,560	13.3
Tippah	8,070	6,750	1,320	16.4	8,150	6,680	1,470	18.1
Tishomingo	7,510	6,420	1,090	14.5	7,570	6,390	1,180	15.5
Tunica	4,570	3,680	890	19.6	4,630	3,650	980	21.1
Union	11,360	10,040	1,320	11.6	11,450	9,990	1,460	12.7
Walthall	5,840	5,020	820	14.0	5,910	5,020	890	15.1
Warren	22,110	19,540	2,570	11.6	22,400	19,600	2,800	12.5
Washington	21,870	18,370	3,500	16.0	22,250	18,290	3,960	17.8
Wayne	8,550	7,410	1,140	13.4	8,490	7,290	1,200	14.2
Webster	3,480	2,910	570	16.3	3,540	2,920	620	17.6
Wilkinson	4,050	3,520	530	13.2	4,030	3,460	570	14.2
Winston	7,680	6,060	1,620	21.1	7,750	6,020	1,730	22.3
Yalobusha	5,230	4,420	810	15.4	5,290	4,390	900	17.1
Yazoo	10,200	8,840	1,360	13.3	10,180	8,700	1,480	14.6

Labor Force Estimates

Place of residence – Persons 16 years of age and older

Revised March 2009				Area
Labor Force	Employed	Unemployment Number	Rate	
Counties				
8,420	7,710	710	8.4	Leake
37,020	33,070	3,950	10.7	Lee
13,280	11,660	1,620	12.2	Leflore
13,790	12,460	1,330	9.6	Lincoln
25,410	22,900	2,510	9.9	Lowndes
45,770	42,760	3,010	6.6	Madison
10,470	9,570	900	8.6	Marion
15,270	13,530	1,740	11.4	Marshall
15,700	13,680	2,020	12.9	Monroe
4,550	3,920	630	13.7	Montgomery
13,450	12,170	1,280	9.5	Neshoba
9,200	8,370	830	9.1	Newton
3,650	2,970	680	18.6	Noxubee
20,630	19,170	1,460	7.1	Oktibbeha
14,760	13,080	1,680	11.4	Panola
21,230	19,490	1,740	8.2	Pearl River
5,030	4,570	460	9.1	Perry
15,050	13,700	1,350	9.0	Pike
12,720	11,490	1,230	9.7	Pontotoc
11,060	9,640	1,420	12.8	Prentiss
3,500	3,050	450	12.7	Quitman
73,230	69,060	4,170	5.7	Rankin
13,430	12,560	870	6.5	Scott
2,380	2,110	270	11.4	Sharkey
11,570	10,650	920	7.9	Simpson
6,370	5,820	550	8.6	Smith
7,700	7,140	560	7.3	Stone
10,380	9,010	1,370	13.2	Sunflower
5,800	5,150	650	11.2	Tallahatchie
11,730	10,540	1,190	10.2	Tate
8,540	7,280	1,260	14.8	Tippah
7,700	6,740	960	12.5	Tishomingo
4,450	3,790	660	14.8	Tunica
11,800	10,540	1,260	10.7	Union
5,660	5,120	540	9.5	Walthall
21,790	19,820	1,970	9.0	Warren
21,610	18,800	2,810	13.0	Washington
8,350	7,550	800	9.6	Wayne
3,440	2,980	460	13.2	Webster
3,800	3,410	390	10.2	Wilkinson
7,900	6,640	1,260	16.0	Winston
5,400	4,740	660	12.2	Yalobusha
10,120	8,960	1,160	11.4	Yazoo



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Labor Force Estimates

Place of residence – Persons 16 years of age and older

Area	Preliminary March 2010				Revised February 2010			
	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployment Number	Rate	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployment Number	Rate
Workforce Investment Areas								
Delta	118,420	100,100	18,320	15.5	119,370	98,960	20,410	17.1
Miss Partnership	364,610	319,770	44,840	12.3	366,770	317,960	48,810	13.3
Southcentral MS	366,310	330,490	35,820	9.8	367,040	327,800	39,240	10.7
Twin Districts	442,390	398,070	44,320	10.0	444,780	396,180	48,600	10.9
Planning and Development Districts								
Central Miss.	294,000	267,370	26,630	9.1	294,540	265,150	29,390	10.0
East Central	101,130	89,980	11,150	11.0	102,230	89,980	12,250	12.0
Golden Triangle	72,450	62,020	10,430	14.4	73,050	61,800	11,250	15.4
North Central	50,200	42,190	8,010	16.0	50,810	42,040	8,770	17.3
North Delta	126,300	112,470	13,830	11.0	126,560	111,510	15,050	11.9
Northeast	59,210	50,780	8,430	14.2	59,610	50,450	9,160	15.4
South Delta	54,560	46,280	8,280	15.2	55,180	45,790	9,390	17.0
Southern	341,260	308,090	33,170	9.7	342,550	306,200	36,350	10.6
Southwest	72,310	63,120	9,190	12.7	72,500	62,650	9,850	13.6
Three Rivers	120,310	106,130	14,180	11.8	120,930	105,330	15,600	12.9
Community College Districts								
Copiah-Lincoln	61,990	54,780	7,210	11.6	62,120	54,350	7,770	12.5
East Central	51,610	45,610	6,000	11.6	52,060	45,400	6,660	12.8
East Miss.	94,370	82,470	11,900	12.6	95,330	82,490	12,840	13.5
Gulf Coast	166,070	150,010	16,060	9.7	166,980	149,530	17,450	10.5
Hinds-Utica	217,690	197,800	19,890	9.1	218,160	196,250	21,910	10.0
Holmes	94,740	83,620	11,120	11.7	95,450	83,120	12,330	12.9
Itawamba	80,830	70,570	10,260	12.7	81,080	69,960	11,120	13.7
Jones	77,900	69,420	8,480	10.9	78,390	69,080	9,310	11.9
Miss. Delta	78,030	66,160	11,870	15.2	78,770	65,390	13,380	17.0
Northeast	52,540	45,390	7,150	13.6	53,030	45,150	7,880	14.9
Northwest	167,590	149,320	18,270	10.9	168,100	148,170	19,930	11.9
Pearl River	117,950	106,710	11,240	9.5	117,990	105,630	12,360	10.5
Southwest	30,420	26,570	3,850	12.7	30,500	26,380	4,120	13.5
Cities								
Biloxi	21,070	18,880	2,190	10.4	21,080	18,750	2,330	11.1
Clinton	14,130	13,190	940	6.6	14,140	13,070	1,070	7.6
Columbus	10,910	8,710	2,200	20.1	10,950	8,690	2,260	20.6
Greenville	14,080	11,800	2,280	16.2	14,220	11,750	2,470	17.4
Gulfport	34,010	30,520	3,490	10.3	34,060	30,300	3,760	11.0
Hattiesburg	25,320	22,660	2,660	10.5	25,170	22,300	2,870	11.4
Hattiesburg ¹	22,760	20,450	2,310	10.1	22,640	20,140	2,500	11.1
Hattiesburg ²	2,560	2,200	360	14.0	2,540	2,170	370	14.4
Jackson	80,020	71,700	8,320	10.4	80,080	71,060	9,020	11.3
Meridian	15,500	13,050	2,450	15.8	15,700	13,120	2,580	16.4
Moss Point	6,790	6,160	630	9.2	6,900	6,180	720	10.5
Olive Branch	15,980	14,570	1,410	8.8	15,970	14,450	1,520	9.5
Pascagoula	10,230	8,990	1,240	12.2	10,310	9,000	1,310	12.7
Pearl	13,000	11,990	1,010	7.8	13,010	11,890	1,120	8.6
Southaven	22,260	20,510	1,750	7.9	22,170	20,340	1,830	8.2
Tupelo	16,340	14,260	2,080	12.7	16,350	14,160	2,190	13.4
Vicksburg	11,450	9,380	2,070	18.1	11,570	9,400	2,170	18.8

Hattiesburg 1/ Forrest County part
Hattiesburg 2/ Lamar County part

Labor Force Estimates

Place of residence – Persons 16 years of age and older

Revised March 2009				Area
Labor Force	Employed	Unemployment Number	Rate	
Workforce Investment Areas				
117,770	103,030	14,740	12.5	Delta
369,280	331,350	37,930	10.3	Miss Partnership
361,520	333,230	28,290	7.8	Southcentral MS
438,790	404,550	34,240	7.8	Twin Districts
Planning and Development Districts				
290,360	269,230	21,130	7.3	Central Miss.
101,750	92,740	9,010	8.9	East Central
71,630	63,720	7,910	11.0	Golden Triangle
51,370	44,520	6,850	13.3	North Central
127,220	116,040	11,180	8.8	North Delta
60,740	53,120	7,620	12.5	Northeast
54,110	47,470	6,640	12.3	South Delta
337,040	311,810	25,230	7.5	Southern
71,160	64,000	7,160	10.1	Southwest
121,980	109,510	12,470	10.2	Three Rivers
Community College Districts				
61,530	55,720	5,810	9.4	Copiah-Lincoln
52,400	47,450	4,950	9.4	East Central
93,580	84,410	9,170	9.8	East Miss.
164,610	152,230	12,380	7.5	Gulf Coast
214,500	199,020	15,480	7.2	Hinds-Utica
95,410	85,790	9,620	10.1	Holmes
82,340	73,160	9,180	11.1	Itawamba
77,350	70,990	6,360	8.2	Jones
77,350	67,870	9,480	12.3	Miss. Delta
54,430	47,710	6,720	12.3	Northeast
168,610	153,800	14,810	8.8	Northwest
115,650	107,240	8,410	7.3	Pearl River
29,600	26,770	2,830	9.6	Southwest
Cities				
20,690	19,030	1,660	8.0	Biloxi
14,010	13,270	740	5.3	Clinton
10,500	8,890	1,610	15.4	Columbus
13,990	12,080	1,910	13.6	Greenville
33,470	30,760	2,710	8.1	Gulfport
24,470	22,520	1,950	8.0	Hattiesburg
22,040	20,330	1,710	7.8	Hattiesburg ¹
2,430	2,190	240	9.8	Hattiesburg ²
78,530	72,140	6,390	8.1	Jackson
15,310	13,420	1,890	12.4	Meridian
6,790	6,310	480	7.1	Moss Point
16,150	15,030	1,120	6.9	Olive Branch
10,110	9,200	910	9.0	Pascagoula
12,850	12,070	780	6.1	Pearl
22,430	21,150	1,280	5.7	Southaven
16,630	14,810	1,820	11.0	Tupelo
11,070	9,510	1,560	14.1	Vicksburg

Hattiesburg 1/ Forrest County part
Hattiesburg 2/ Lamar County part



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**Labor
Market
Data**



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Twelve Month Moving Averages

As of March 2010

Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployment	
			Number	Rate
Mississippi	1,293,800	1,161,000	132,800	10.3
Gulfport-Biloxi MSA	113,670	104,230	9,440	8.3
Hattiesburg MSA	66,350	60,870	5,480	8.3
Jackson MSA	260,390	239,260	21,130	8.1
Pascagoula MSA	71,520	64,950	6,570	9.2
United States	154,045,000	139,179,000	14,866,000	9.7
Counties				
Adams	13,100	11,770	1,330	10.2
Alcorn	15,040	13,140	1,900	12.6
Amite	5,080	4,510	570	11.2
Attala	6,970	5,960	1,010	14.5
Benton	2,780	2,370	410	14.7
Bolivar	14,830	13,110	1,720	11.6
Calhoun	5,840	5,140	700	12.0
Carroll	4,820	4,250	570	11.8
Chickasaw	7,060	6,060	1,000	14.2
Choctaw	3,420	2,960	460	13.5
Claiborne	3,760	3,130	630	16.8
Clarke	6,940	6,090	850	12.2
Clay	7,500	6,070	1,430	19.1
Coahoma	10,020	8,670	1,350	13.5
Copiah	12,190	10,860	1,330	10.9
Covington	8,720	7,920	800	9.2
DeSoto	76,630	70,770	5,860	7.6
Forrest	37,090	33,950	3,140	8.5
Franklin	3,000	2,630	370	12.3
George	9,600	8,600	1,000	10.4
Greene	4,840	4,240	600	12.4
Grenada	8,850	7,660	1,190	13.4
Hancock	18,540	16,960	1,580	8.5
Harrison	87,320	80,120	7,200	8.2
Hinds	117,030	106,540	10,490	9.0
Holmes	7,060	5,620	1,440	20.4
Humphreys	4,210	3,620	590	14.0
Issaquena	690	600	90	13.0
Itawamba	9,690	8,510	1,180	12.2
Jackson	61,930	56,350	5,580	9.0
Jasper	7,500	6,630	870	11.6
Jefferson	2,810	2,310	500	17.8
Jeff Davis	4,970	4,360	610	12.3
Jones	30,300	27,820	2,480	8.2
Kemper	3,980	3,470	510	12.8
Lafayette	22,510	20,580	1,930	8.6
Lamar	24,120	22,360	1,760	7.3
Lauderdale	32,770	29,350	3,420	10.4
Lawrence	5,320	4,680	640	12.0

Twelve Month Moving Averages

As of March 2010

Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployment Number	Rate
Counties				
Leake	8,550	7,680	870	10.2
Lee	36,520	32,390	4,130	11.3
Leflore	13,350	11,520	1,830	13.7
Lincoln	13,890	12,360	1,530	11.0
Lowndes	25,700	22,740	2,960	11.5
Madison	45,930	42,550	3,380	7.4
Marion	10,840	9,610	1,230	11.3
Marshall	15,280	13,360	1,920	12.6
Monroe	15,730	13,440	2,290	14.6
Montgomery	4,570	3,870	700	15.3
Neshoba	13,040	11,710	1,330	10.2
Newton	9,080	8,170	910	10.0
Noxubee	3,530	2,800	730	20.7
Oktibbeha	20,550	18,610	1,940	9.4
Panola	14,790	12,800	1,990	13.5
Pearl River	21,510	19,390	2,120	9.9
Perry	5,130	4,550	580	11.3
Pike	15,320	13,600	1,720	11.2
Pontotoc	12,660	11,260	1,400	11.1
Prentiss	10,920	9,430	1,490	13.6
Quitman	3,460	2,980	480	13.9
Rankin	73,550	68,710	4,840	6.6
Scott	13,670	12,630	1,040	7.6
Sharkey	2,460	2,170	290	11.8
Simpson	11,690	10,600	1,090	9.3
Smith	6,340	5,690	650	10.3
Stone	7,820	7,160	660	8.4
Sunflower	10,460	8,960	1,500	14.3
Tallahatchie	5,870	5,140	730	12.4
Tate	11,750	10,410	1,340	11.4
Tippah	8,210	6,940	1,270	15.5
Tishomingo	7,580	6,580	1,000	13.2
Tunica	4,430	3,750	680	15.3
Union	11,560	10,290	1,270	11.0
Walthall	5,860	5,110	750	12.8
Warren	22,240	19,890	2,350	10.6
Washington	22,050	18,810	3,240	14.7
Wayne	8,470	7,460	1,010	11.9
Webster	3,450	2,920	530	15.4
Wilkinson	3,940	3,470	470	11.9
Winston	7,770	6,340	1,430	18.4
Yalobusha	5,380	4,540	840	15.6
Yazoo	10,230	8,950	1,280	12.5

Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployment Number	Rate
Workforce Investment Areas				
Delta	118,500	102,000	16,500	13.9
Miss Partnership	367,450	325,140	42,310	11.5
Southcentral MS	364,940	331,670	33,270	9.1
Twin Districts	443,070	402,270	40,800	9.2
Planning and Development Districts				
Central Miss.	292,860	268,100	24,760	8.5
East Central	101,870	91,420	10,450	10.3
Golden Triangle	71,920	62,440	9,480	13.2
North Central	51,000	43,420	7,580	14.9
North Delta	126,950	114,520	12,430	9.8
Northeast	59,810	51,820	7,990	13.4
South Delta	54,700	47,270	7,430	13.6
Southern	341,200	310,850	30,350	8.9
Southwest	72,080	63,570	8,510	11.8
Three Rivers	121,570	107,670	13,900	11.4
Community College Districts				
Copiah-Lincoln	62,000	55,210	6,790	11.0
East Central	52,110	46,530	5,580	10.7
East Miss.	94,030	83,040	10,990	11.7
Gulf Coast	166,670	152,230	14,440	8.7
Hinds-Utica	216,580	198,270	18,310	8.5
Holmes	95,300	84,740	10,560	11.1
Itawamba	81,660	71,660	10,000	12.2
Jones	78,240	70,400	7,840	10.0
Miss. Delta	78,070	67,460	10,610	13.6
Northeast	53,310	46,380	6,930	13.0
Northwest	168,720	151,840	16,880	10.0
Pearl River	117,070	106,630	10,440	8.9
Southwest	30,200	26,690	3,510	11.6
Cities				
Biloxi	20,970	19,080	1,890	9.0
Clinton	14,100	13,210	890	6.3
Columbus	10,740	8,830	1,910	17.8
Greenville	14,250	12,090	2,160	15.2
Gulfport	33,950	30,830	3,120	9.2
Hattiesburg	24,910	22,430	2,480	10.0
Hattiesburg ¹	22,430	20,250	2,180	9.7
Hattiesburg ²	2,480	2,180	300	12.1
Jackson	79,390	71,780	7,610	9.6
Meridian	15,440	13,230	2,210	14.3
Moss Point	6,880	6,290	590	8.6
Olive Branch	16,040	14,830	1,210	7.5
Pascagoula	10,280	9,170	1,110	10.8
Pearl	12,940	12,010	930	7.2
Southaven	22,390	20,880	1,510	6.7
Tupelo	16,490	14,510	1,980	12.0
Vicksburg	11,390	9,540	1,850	16.2

Hattiesburg 1/ Forrest County part

Hattiesburg 2/ Lamar County part

Five Year Comparison of Unemployment Rates

As of March 2010

Area † adjusted	Current month Mar-10	ONE Year Ago Mar-09	TWO Years Ago Mar-08	THREE Years Ago Mar-07	FOUR Years Ago Mar-06	FIVE Years Ago Mar-05
Mississippi	11.1	8.9	6.1	6.3	6.5	7.0
Gulfport-Biloxi MSA	9.2	7.3	5.1	5.8	12.1	5.9
Hattiesburg MSA	8.6	6.7	4.9	5.1	4.6	5.8
Jackson MSA	8.7	7.0	4.9	5.4	4.9	5.8
Pascagoula MSA	10.3	7.9	5.3	6.1	8.6	6.6
United States	10.2	9.0	5.2	4.5	4.8	5.4
United States †	9.7	8.6	5.1	4.4	4.7	5.2
Counties						
Adams	11.7	8.8	6.2	6.5	6.4	8.2
Alcorn	12.9	11.9	7.1	7.3	7.1	7.4
Amite	12.4	10.9	6.4	6.4	5.5	7.6
Attala	16.4	13.7	8.0	7.5	7.7	9.0
Benton	14.1	14.9	9.5	8.3	7.6	9.9
Bolivar	12.6	10.4	8.2	8.7	8.4	10.1
Calhoun	11.7	10.8	7.8	7.8	7.0	7.9
Carroll	12.2	9.4	6.9	7.4	4.9	8.2
Chickasaw	14.8	13.0	9.1	9.6	7.4	8.1
Choctaw	14.4	12.4	7.8	7.8	7.0	8.2
Claiborne	16.9	14.5	9.6	10.2	9.2	12.2
Clarke	13.6	9.9	8.1	8.7	5.9	7.6
Clay	21.2	15.5	12.6	11.4	9.4	9.5
Coahoma	15.6	12.3	9.2	9.6	9.4	12.0
Copiah	11.1	9.0	6.6	8.1	6.3	8.0
Covington	10.2	7.4	5.3	5.6	5.4	6.4
DeSoto	8.5	6.9	4.4	3.5	3.7	4.3
Forrest	8.8	6.9	5.1	5.4	4.9	5.9
Franklin	13.3	11.1	6.6	6.9	6.1	8.4
George	10.2	9.0	5.8	6.9	7.8	7.7
Greene	12.6	10.2	7.6	8.0	6.1	8.7
Grenada	14.4	12.4	6.8	7.5	5.8	8.1
Hancock	9.3	7.7	5.0	5.6	13.1	6.0
Harrison	9.2	7.3	5.1	5.8	12.4	5.9
Hinds	9.7	7.6	5.4	5.9	5.5	6.3
Holmes	21.8	19.1	11.4	10.8	10.0	12.7
Humphreys	16.3	13.2	9.5	9.8	8.9	13.2
Issaquena	15.5	12.6	10.1	9.7	11.3	14.7
Itawamba	12.7	10.8	6.8	7.6	5.4	6.4
Jackson	10.3	7.7	5.2	6.0	8.7	6.4
Jasper	12.8	9.4	6.7	6.0	5.9	8.2
Jefferson	18.3	16.6	12.7	12.2	10.7	13.6
Jeff Davis	13.1	8.8	5.4	6.8	7.0	8.4
Jones	8.8	6.9	4.7	4.9	4.4	5.8
Kemper	11.7	12.9	6.5	7.8	7.7	9.4
Lafayette	8.6	6.4	5.0	5.0	4.4	5.5
Lamar	7.7	5.8	4.3	4.4	4.0	5.1
Lauderdale	11.4	8.8	5.8	6.5	5.7	7.8
Lawrence	12.5	9.8	6.3	7.7	6.4	7.8

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As of March 2010

Area	Current month Mar-10	ONE Year Ago Mar-09	TWO Years Ago Mar-08	THREE Years Ago Mar-07	FOUR Years Ago Mar-06	FIVE Years Ago Mar-05
Counties						
Leake	11.2	8.4	5.9	6.8	6.1	8.0
Lee	11.7	10.7	5.9	6.1	5.3	6.1
Leflore	15.1	12.2	8.4	8.3	8.6	11.1
Lincoln	11.5	9.6	6.5	6.5	5.4	7.3
Lowndes	12.8	9.9	7.5	7.0	6.0	7.9
Madison	7.6	6.6	4.7	5.0	4.5	5.3
Marion	12.5	8.6	6.1	6.0	6.1	7.2
Marshall	14.5	11.4	7.7	5.9	5.9	8.3
Monroe	14.9	12.9	8.8	8.6	7.4	7.2
Montgomery	16.1	13.7	8.2	9.6	7.8	8.7
Neshoba	10.6	9.5	5.0	5.2	4.7	6.3
Newton	10.8	9.1	5.8	5.8	5.4	6.8
Noxubee	22.4	18.6	11.9	12.1	8.3	13.2
Oktibbeha	9.9	7.1	5.8	6.2	5.1	6.2
Panola	14.4	11.4	8.0	8.1	7.3	9.2
Pearl River	10.8	8.2	6.1	6.1	6.6	6.2
Perry	11.6	9.1	7.0	6.0	5.7	7.5
Pike	12.1	9.0	6.4	6.8	6.3	8.1
Pontotoc	11.7	9.7	6.8	6.1	5.5	5.9
Prentiss	14.0	12.8	7.8	8.5	6.5	8.6
Quitman	15.4	12.7	8.8	8.2	8.8	11.3
Rankin	7.1	5.7	3.9	4.2	3.8	4.8
Scott	8.1	6.5	4.4	5.4	4.7	5.7
Sharkey	14.1	11.4	9.6	9.1	9.8	14.0
Simpson	10.0	7.9	5.3	6.3	5.1	6.1
Smith	11.5	8.6	6.1	5.5	5.0	6.3
Stone	8.8	7.3	5.2	6.3	6.3	6.7
Sunflower	16.9	13.2	10.0	10.1	9.3	12.0
Tallahatchie	13.5	11.2	7.9	8.1	7.6	10.8
Tate	12.7	10.2	6.3	5.2	6.8	6.5
Tippah	16.4	14.8	7.8	7.2	5.7	7.6
Tishomingo	14.5	12.5	8.0	7.7	6.8	9.4
Tunica	19.6	14.8	11.0	7.2	9.5	12.9
Union	11.6	10.7	6.0	6.4	5.4	6.6
Walthall	14.0	9.5	6.3	6.2	6.3	7.7
Warren	11.6	9.0	5.7	6.6	5.3	6.9
Washington	16.0	13.0	8.7	8.7	9.5	12.5
Wayne	13.4	9.6	8.4	9.6	5.5	8.1
Webster	16.3	13.2	8.1	8.6	7.2	8.3
Wilkinson	13.2	10.2	7.3	8.6	7.5	10.3
Winston	21.1	16.0	6.1	6.9	6.1	7.8
Yalobusha	15.4	12.2	8.1	8.1	6.5	9.7
Yazoo	13.3	11.4	8.3	8.2	8.8	10.7



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As of March 2010



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Area	Current month Mar-10	ONE Year Ago Mar-09	TWO Years Ago Mar-08	THREE Years Ago Mar-07	FOUR Years Ago Mar-06	FIVE Years Ago Mar-05
Workforce Investment Areas						
Delta	15.5	12.5	8.9	8.8	8.7	11.4
Miss Partnership	12.3	10.3	6.6	6.4	5.7	6.8
Southcentral MS	9.8	7.8	5.4	5.9	5.3	6.5
Twin Districts	10.0	7.8	5.4	5.9	7.5	6.5
Planning and Development Districts						
Central Miss.	9.1	7.3	5.1	5.6	5.0	6.1
East Central	11.0	8.9	5.8	6.3	5.5	7.2
Golden Triangle	14.4	11.0	7.7	7.7	6.4	7.9
North Central	16.0	13.3	8.3	8.4	7.5	9.9
North Delta	11.0	8.8	5.9	5.2	5.5	6.6
Northeast	14.2	12.5	7.7	7.3	6.5	8.2
South Delta	15.2	12.3	9.0	9.1	9.1	11.9
Southern	9.7	7.5	5.3	5.8	8.1	6.2
Southwest	12.7	10.1	6.8	7.2	6.5	8.4
Three Rivers	11.8	10.2	6.6	6.7	5.7	6.4
Community College Districts						
Copiah-Lincoln	11.6	9.4	6.5	7.2	6.1	7.7
East Central	11.6	9.4	5.3	5.9	5.3	6.7
East Miss.	12.6	9.8	7.1	7.3	6.2	7.9
Gulf Coast	9.7	7.5	5.2	6.0	10.5	6.2
Hinds-Utica	9.1	7.2	5.0	5.5	5.0	6.0
Holmes	11.7	10.1	6.5	6.8	6.1	7.6
Itawamba	12.7	11.1	7.0	7.1	5.9	6.5
Jones	10.9	8.2	6.1	6.2	5.2	6.8
Miss. Delta	15.2	12.3	8.9	9.0	9.1	11.8
Northeast	13.6	12.3	7.3	7.4	6.3	7.8
Northwest	10.9	8.8	6.0	5.2	5.3	6.5
Pearl River	9.5	7.3	5.2	5.5	6.5	6.1
Southwest	12.7	9.6	6.5	6.9	6.3	8.2
Cities						
Biloxi	10.4	8.0	5.6	6.9	14.1	6.7
Clinton	6.6	5.3	4.1	4.6	4.2	4.8
Columbus	20.1	15.4	11.8	10.4	8.5	10.7
Greenville	16.2	13.6	8.7	8.4	9.1	12.3
Gulfport	10.3	8.1	5.5	6.3	12.2	6.2
Hattiesburg	10.5	8.0	5.9	6.1	5.6	6.6
Hattiesburg ¹	10.1	7.8	5.8	6.1	5.4	6.5
Hattiesburg ²	14.0	9.8	7.3	6.3	8.0	8.1
Jackson	10.4	8.1	5.7	6.2	5.8	7.1
Meridian	15.8	12.4	7.7	8.7	6.9	9.0
Moss Point	9.2	7.1	4.6	6.2	11.1	8.4
Olive Branch	8.8	6.9	4.0	3.0	3.5	4.0
Pascagoula	12.2	9.0	6.4	6.9	8.7	7.6
Pearl	7.8	6.1	3.8	3.4	3.4	5.3
Southaven	7.9	5.7	4.3	2.9	3.6	3.8
Tupelo	12.7	11.0	6.4	6.0	5.0	5.8
Vicksburg	18.1	14.1	8.4	9.5	6.0	8.6

Hattiesburg 1/ - Forrest County part
Hattiesburg 2/ - Lamar County part

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MSAs & WIAs

	March 2010			
	Regular UI			Benefits Paid All Programs
	Initial Claims	Cont'd Claims	Benefits Paid	
Metropolitan Statistical Areas				
Gulfport-Biloxi MSA	933	9,833	\$1,803,154	\$4,764,035
Hattiesburg MSA	584	5,020	\$883,457	\$2,252,420
Jackson MSA	1,931	22,281	\$4,027,951	\$10,628,902
Pascagoula MSA	661	7,181	\$1,385,576	\$3,394,484
Workforce Investment Areas				
Delta	1,192	19,329	\$3,408,418	\$9,005,533
Miss Partnership	3,208	39,510	\$7,260,983	\$21,441,700
Southcentral MS	3,050	33,938	\$6,095,905	\$16,220,913
Twin Districts	4,090	41,333	\$7,578,086	\$19,127,562

	February 2010			
	Regular UI			Benefits Paid All Programs
	Initial Claims	Cont'd Claims	Benefits Paid	
Metropolitan Statistical Areas				
Gulfport-Biloxi MSA	771	9,425	\$1,507,970	\$3,841,853
Hattiesburg MSA	409	4,537	\$704,246	\$1,804,528
Jackson MSA	1,427	20,815	\$3,460,373	\$8,731,458
Pascagoula MSA	460	6,895	\$1,238,033	\$2,837,651
Workforce Investment Areas				
Delta	980	21,023	\$3,244,792	\$7,926,134
Miss Partnership	2,867	39,040	\$6,458,856	\$18,248,984
Southcentral MS	2,217	32,000	\$5,229,517	\$13,364,307
Twin Districts	3,177	38,815	\$6,319,098	\$15,478,590

	March 2009			
	Regular UI			Benefits Paid All Programs
	Initial Claims	Cont'd Claims	Benefits Paid	
Metropolitan Statistical Areas				
Gulfport-Biloxi MSA	966	12,353	\$1,966,732	\$3,258,228
Hattiesburg MSA	566	5,825	\$847,343	\$1,453,872
Jackson MSA	2,415	28,211	\$4,445,785	\$7,550,532
Pascagoula MSA	691	8,515	\$1,431,800	\$2,272,721
Workforce Investment Areas				
Delta	1,941	28,283	\$4,163,966	\$7,066,180
Miss Partnership	5,555	68,785	\$11,254,722	\$18,570,945
Southcentral MS	3,583	44,082	\$6,977,300	\$11,743,188
Twin Districts	4,742	51,400	\$8,128,051	\$13,146,503

Note: On these and subsequent tables the data is based on county of residence of claimant. Initial and continued claims are strictly intrastate and benefits paid do not include offset payments.

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	March 2010		February 2010		March 2009	
	Initial Claims	Cont'd Claims	Initial Claims	Cont'd Claims	Initial Claims	Cont'd Claims
Counties						
Adams	152	1,504	103	1,406	158	1,711
Alcorn	132	1,700	141	1,670	534	3,996
Amite	27	407	37	406	39	884
Attala	81	1,084	69	1,103	107	1,951
Benton	20	232	12	259	42	626
Bolivar	136	1,833	101	2,041	142	2,646
Calhoun	128	562	154	741	113	1,090
Carroll	25	474	40	471	88	878
Chickasaw	77	886	72	906	98	1,753
Choctaw	39	495	64	573	63	834
Claiborne	42	549	33	558	32	867
Clarke	110	1,031	81	812	79	1,101
Clay	138	1,918	116	1,955	122	2,264
Coahoma	113	1,825	72	2,097	113	2,342
Copiah	106	1,320	84	1,256	182	1,695
Covington	77	884	77	885	80	858
DeSoto	264	3,681	246	3,597	360	5,686
Forrest	377	3,013	248	2,696	350	3,491
Franklin	29	290	23	312	46	525
George	72	787	60	836	86	1,098
Greene	37	370	39	386	67	605
Grenada	92	1,179	76	1,229	289	2,329
Hancock	155	1,346	105	1,212	140	1,918
Harrison	725	7,926	614	7,642	765	9,676
Hinds	1085	12,239	785	11,511	1,211	14,663
Holmes	113	1,680	87	1,735	204	3,196
Humphreys	43	833	34	965	58	1,159
Issaquena	3	123	5	179	6	161
Itawamba	107	1,021	92	972	141	2,154
Jackson	589	6,394	400	6,059	605	7,417
Jasper	83	1,003	87	964	141	1,232
Jefferson	44	366	38	357	47	587
Jeff Davis	66	734	39	717	65	669
Jones	237	2,532	250	2,519	304	2,980
Kemper	66	506	53	465	97	1,044
Lafayette	176	1,361	91	1,238	238	1,950
Lamar	142	1,449	115	1,361	136	1,596
Lauderdale	386	3,636	235	3,218	510	4,587
Lawrence	58	529	31	488	71	754
Leake	106	825	70	694	155	974

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	March 2010		February 2010		March 2009	
	Initial Claims	Cont'd Claims	Initial Claims	Cont'd Claims	Initial Claims	Cont'd Claims
Counties						
Lee	315	4,189	312	4,093	529	8,209
Leflore	121	2,079	153	2,219	378	3,253
Lincoln	125	1,401	102	1,289	171	1,961
Lowndes	283	3,572	244	3,439	347	4,418
Madison	312	3,223	185	2,984	447	4,928
Marion	120	1,420	90	1,358	165	1,231
Marshall	115	1,701	82	1,600	198	2,507
Monroe	141	2,084	146	1,975	373	4,227
Montgomery	38	709	37	701	123	1,372
Neshoba	156	1,183	167	1,175	272	2,574
Newton	90	821	52	732	100	1,380
Noxubee	90	806	98	744	89	1,312
Oktibbeha	216	2,091	166	1,811	203	1,933
Panola	161	2,001	110	1,973	261	3,279
Pearl River	127	1,238	90	1,162	141	1,606
Perry	65	558	46	480	80	738
Pike	221	1,658	98	1,493	122	1,817
Pontotoc	106	1,240	80	1,314	144	2,437
Prentiss	99	1,258	81	1,293	364	3,315
Quitman	33	608	28	678	44	913
Rankin	332	4,524	318	4,189	442	5,652
Scott	85	992	65	914	142	1,282
Sharkey	16	412	7	529	19	554
Simpson	96	975	55	875	133	1,273
Smith	40	703	53	741	77	902
Stone	53	561	52	571	61	759
Sunflower	110	2,214	95	2,475	174	2,632
Tallahatchie	45	862	47	1,012	81	1,219
Tate	84	1,144	64	1,137	100	1,805
Tippah	85	1,328	72	1,439	166	2,560
Tishomingo	99	1,114	90	1,122	215	1,926
Tunica	59	1,053	44	1,156	47	1,477
Union	75	1,139	70	1,158	192	2,569
Walthall	74	657	53	625	106	716
Warren	235	2,806	175	2,818	201	3,562
Washington	214	3,332	157	3,493	326	4,574
Wayne	126	1,421	89	1,216	124	1,682
Webster	47	516	35	516	101	847
Wilkinson	13	267	32	256	27	452
Winston	95	1,852	105	1,764	148	3,239
Yalobusha	66	648	52	691	156	1,476
Yazoo	99	1,223	65	1,177	148	2,035

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	March 2010		February 2010		March 2009	
	Regular UI Benefits Paid	Benefits Paid All Programs	Regular UI Benefits Paid	Benefits Paid All Programs	Regular UI Benefits Paid	Benefits Paid All Programs
Counties						
Adams	\$248,968	\$631,436	\$211,828	\$527,984	\$252,004	\$436,706
Alcorn	\$307,578	\$951,415	\$289,446	\$825,479	\$655,448	\$979,779
Amite	\$85,448	\$217,065	\$68,411	\$173,704	\$163,825	\$212,628
Attala	\$189,964	\$560,332	\$174,844	\$485,055	\$314,605	\$526,935
Benton	\$45,333	\$191,087	\$36,431	\$152,907	\$99,149	\$195,606
Bolivar	\$319,330	\$820,886	\$321,894	\$741,037	\$380,081	\$661,160
Calhoun	\$87,084	\$340,598	\$115,868	\$332,482	\$176,945	\$345,483
Carroll	\$82,520	\$267,585	\$76,567	\$235,954	\$141,659	\$226,909
Chickasaw	\$159,848	\$489,406	\$145,732	\$439,980	\$283,046	\$518,766
Choctaw	\$94,205	\$252,714	\$90,430	\$220,282	\$144,217	\$228,383
Claiborne	\$102,592	\$344,226	\$90,171	\$294,187	\$152,321	\$243,110
Clarke	\$173,436	\$420,864	\$126,310	\$311,014	\$176,380	\$274,262
Clay	\$365,493	\$923,529	\$332,195	\$798,078	\$271,749	\$551,809
Coahoma	\$320,490	\$757,737	\$319,733	\$671,764	\$336,437	\$557,738
Copiah	\$209,693	\$651,001	\$196,821	\$558,070	\$255,220	\$470,067
Covington	\$170,892	\$381,632	\$137,858	\$306,699	\$134,784	\$223,780
DeSoto	\$715,153	\$1,962,719	\$612,322	\$1,625,096	\$963,028	\$1,494,059
Forrest	\$484,022	\$1,240,117	\$388,751	\$994,913	\$467,805	\$806,075
Franklin	\$59,576	\$134,545	\$55,406	\$119,030	\$86,578	\$130,782
George	\$173,259	\$462,887	\$156,882	\$393,379	\$193,707	\$311,715
Greene	\$72,352	\$187,198	\$78,075	\$171,555	\$101,190	\$158,868
Grenada	\$192,221	\$602,527	\$193,716	\$546,670	\$368,280	\$580,609
Hancock	\$243,053	\$689,428	\$198,206	\$568,152	\$315,272	\$523,154
Harrison	\$1,449,290	\$3,768,295	\$1,221,518	\$3,030,637	\$1,528,912	\$2,522,071
Hinds	\$2,104,547	\$5,667,130	\$1,777,742	\$4,604,731	\$2,239,689	\$3,921,215
Holmes	\$310,623	\$904,090	\$279,100	\$770,116	\$531,086	\$874,805
Humphreys	\$151,633	\$345,062	\$150,302	\$311,075	\$176,131	\$286,453
Issaquena	\$29,053	\$63,004	\$31,978	\$58,372	\$28,092	\$43,430
Itawamba	\$192,049	\$632,319	\$181,165	\$546,358	\$365,556	\$646,573
Jackson	\$1,212,317	\$2,931,597	\$1,081,151	\$2,444,272	\$1,238,093	\$1,961,006
Jasper	\$201,684	\$464,001	\$159,182	\$371,021	\$199,961	\$306,119
Jefferson	\$68,811	\$225,852	\$51,574	\$185,762	\$88,102	\$182,989
Jeff Davis	\$137,575	\$315,775	\$119,016	\$259,274	\$94,342	\$173,774
Jones	\$453,374	\$1,073,950	\$396,528	\$896,385	\$453,815	\$679,285
Kemper	\$90,625	\$275,693	\$78,875	\$217,419	\$164,218	\$263,737
Lafayette	\$233,231	\$769,357	\$190,203	\$631,041	\$314,166	\$484,328
Lamar	\$304,156	\$742,651	\$234,784	\$574,413	\$257,973	\$442,887
Lauderdale	\$594,457	\$1,569,165	\$472,060	\$1,228,103	\$669,870	\$1,172,444
Lawrence	\$90,350	\$243,801	\$73,311	\$194,500	\$119,470	\$194,446
Leake	\$149,213	\$379,926	\$109,434	\$295,506	\$157,781	\$272,773

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	March 2010		February 2010		March 2009	
	Regular UI Benefits Paid	Benefits Paid All Programs	Regular UI Benefits Paid	Benefits Paid All Programs	Regular UI Benefits Paid	Benefits Paid All Programs
Counties						
Lee	\$752,337	\$2,273,249	\$669,797	\$1,946,928	\$1,359,150	\$2,173,487
Leflore	\$358,194	\$1,023,332	\$340,109	\$911,423	\$441,644	\$741,973
Lincoln	\$262,330	\$651,825	\$202,212	\$531,553	\$306,301	\$524,117
Lowndes	\$638,009	\$1,802,218	\$522,773	\$1,446,077	\$604,419	\$1,128,163
Madison	\$618,483	\$1,656,649	\$549,861	\$1,385,110	\$800,629	\$1,389,632
Marion	\$237,791	\$568,572	\$196,153	\$469,493	\$173,586	\$313,307
Marshall	\$317,823	\$865,752	\$269,994	\$738,940	\$424,346	\$695,552
Monroe	\$373,765	\$1,246,909	\$333,555	\$1,071,017	\$703,556	\$1,191,737
Montgomery	\$121,951	\$411,802	\$113,334	\$355,838	\$226,562	\$355,815
Neshoba	\$235,305	\$691,741	\$196,112	\$574,765	\$443,990	\$619,939
Newton	\$154,022	\$401,973	\$114,824	\$310,982	\$233,875	\$345,039
Noxubee	\$126,026	\$409,369	\$113,889	\$353,676	\$209,530	\$413,159
Oktibbeha	\$320,755	\$870,099	\$256,107	\$687,100	\$269,590	\$510,607
Panola	\$346,521	\$1,101,796	\$303,829	\$932,596	\$474,756	\$815,023
Pearl River	\$256,292	\$695,832	\$207,140	\$547,084	\$254,672	\$442,426
Perry	\$95,279	\$269,652	\$80,711	\$235,202	\$121,565	\$204,910
Pike	\$257,550	\$655,823	\$247,033	\$569,493	\$267,446	\$457,707
Pontotoc	\$235,202	\$681,505	\$224,844	\$611,773	\$409,318	\$693,974
Prentiss	\$260,901	\$876,871	\$228,579	\$734,821	\$566,244	\$845,618
Quitman	\$119,023	\$299,279	\$100,829	\$249,953	\$148,001	\$229,270
Rankin	\$928,123	\$2,193,113	\$781,667	\$1,787,379	\$960,699	\$1,453,344
Scott	\$168,776	\$451,170	\$153,052	\$373,489	\$206,131	\$312,415
Sharkey	\$77,461	\$166,127	\$83,706	\$158,122	\$82,281	\$123,695
Simpson	\$167,105	\$461,009	\$154,282	\$396,168	\$189,548	\$316,274
Smith	\$151,804	\$322,766	\$130,500	\$265,960	\$144,660	\$234,661
Stone	\$110,811	\$306,312	\$88,246	\$243,064	\$122,548	\$213,003
Sunflower	\$391,193	\$835,422	\$368,004	\$743,165	\$366,165	\$615,410
Tallahatchie	\$169,809	\$447,195	\$163,713	\$398,848	\$193,446	\$346,916
Tate	\$217,742	\$623,867	\$195,741	\$541,870	\$286,697	\$480,230
Tippah	\$257,774	\$837,115	\$246,293	\$721,141	\$468,293	\$882,461
Tishomingo	\$212,335	\$556,634	\$201,077	\$488,499	\$335,686	\$539,958
Tunica	\$170,935	\$402,416	\$180,210	\$377,258	\$227,274	\$337,251
Union	\$224,955	\$680,930	\$202,379	\$595,308	\$437,071	\$723,417
Walthall	\$111,731	\$322,149	\$93,701	\$260,478	\$102,450	\$177,405
Warren	\$517,484	\$1,408,644	\$466,511	\$1,161,124	\$592,937	\$935,539
Washington	\$561,633	\$1,571,602	\$524,818	\$1,366,451	\$636,913	\$1,206,147
Wayne	\$258,301	\$516,365	\$193,730	\$395,809	\$272,921	\$368,853
Webster	\$108,736	\$288,953	\$92,437	\$234,550	\$141,848	\$225,022
Wilkinson	\$56,244	\$132,147	\$41,555	\$101,550	\$84,899	\$115,235
Winston	\$391,052	\$889,282	\$309,098	\$722,608	\$602,586	\$780,261
Yalobusha	\$119,461	\$451,142	\$116,607	\$395,410	\$253,637	\$379,154
Yazoo	\$206,870	\$624,498	\$167,431	\$513,484	\$315,182	\$581,992

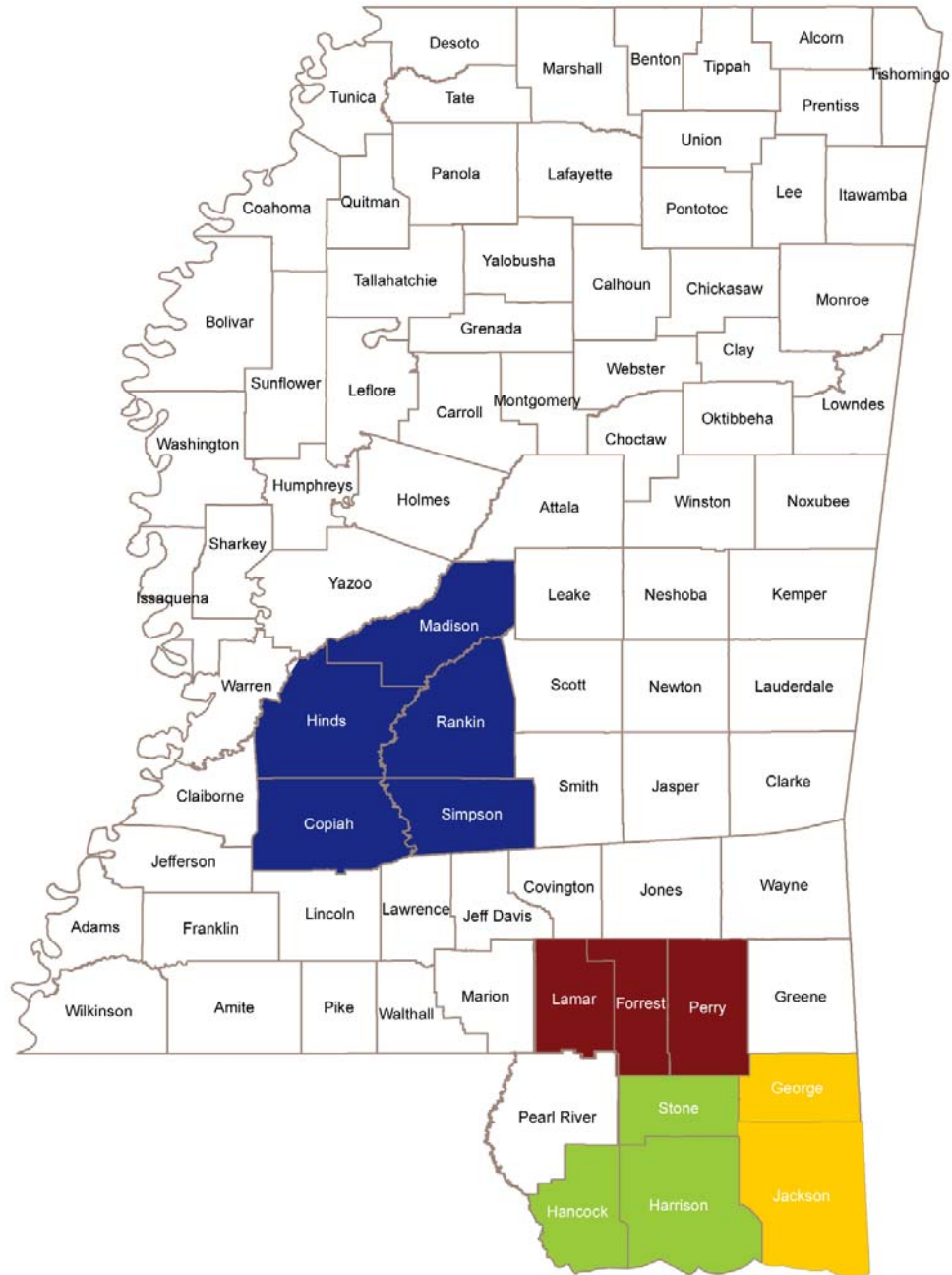
Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA) (revised 1/05)

Gulfport-Biloxi MSA Hancock, Harrison and Stone Counties

Hattiesburg MSA Forrest, Lamar, and Perry Counties

Jackson MSA Copiah, Hinds, Madison, Rankin, and Simpson Counties

Pascagoula MSA George and Jackson Counties



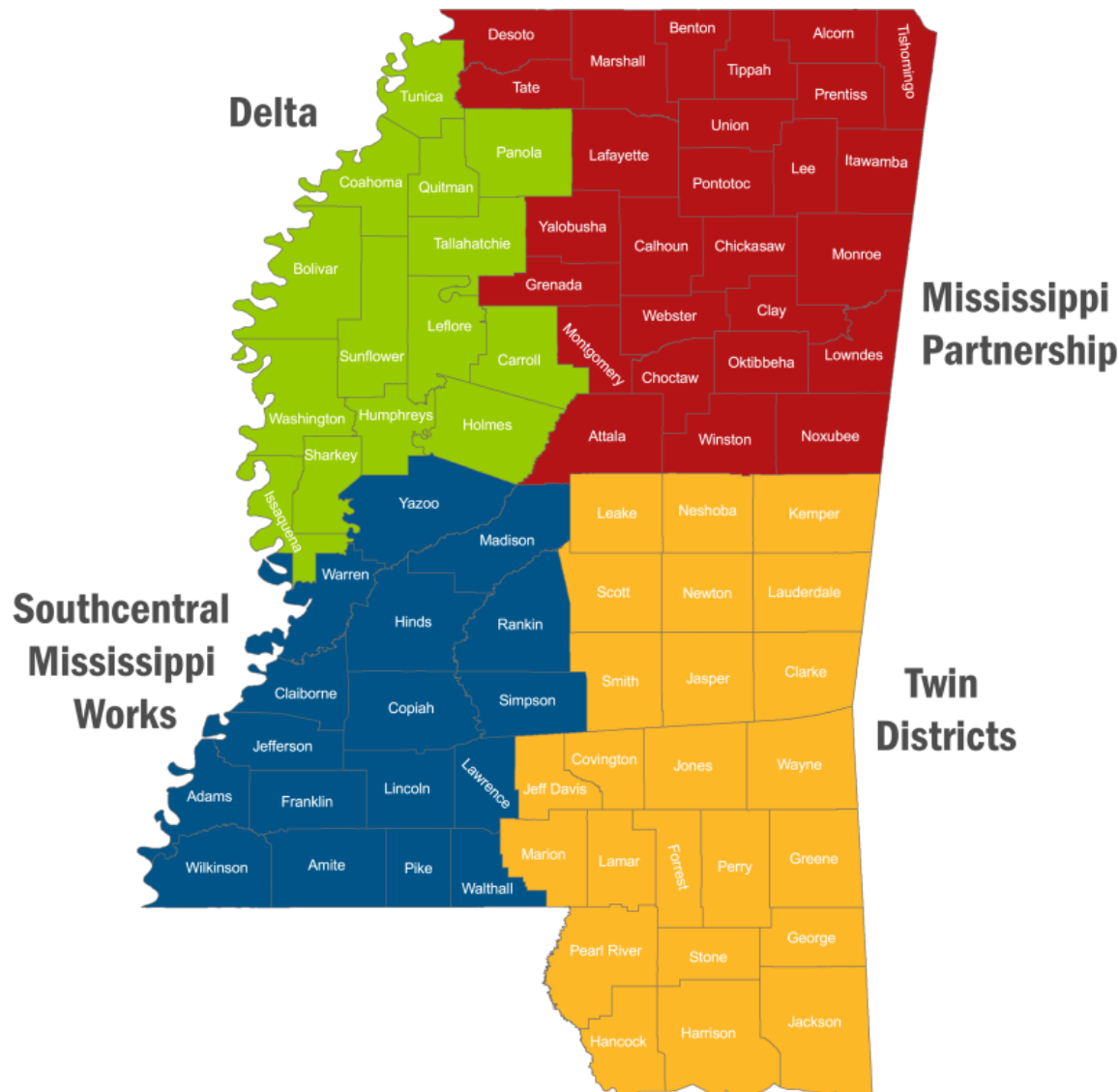
Workforce Investment Areas

Delta Bolivar, Carroll, Coahoma, Holmes, Humphreys, Issaquena, Leflore, Panola, Quitman, Sharkey, Sunflower, Tallahatchie, Tunica, and Washington Counties

Mississippi Partnership Alcorn, Attala, Benton, Calhoun, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Clay, DeSoto, Grenada, Itawamba, Lafayette, Lee, Lowndes, Marshall, Monroe, Montgomery, Noxubee, Oktibbeha, Pontotoc, Prentiss, Tate, Tippah, Tishomingo, Union, Webster, Winston, and Yalobusha Counties

Southcentral Mississippi Works Adams, Amite, Claiborne, Copiah, Franklin, Hinds, Jefferson, Lawrence, Lincoln, Madison, Pike, Rankin, Simpson, Walthall, Warren, Wilkinson, and Yazoo Counties

Twin Districts Clarke, Covington, Forrest, George, Greene, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Jasper, Jeff Davis, Jones, Kemper, Lamar, Lauderdale, Leake, Marion, Neshoba, Newton, Pearl River, Perry, Scott, Smith, Stone, and Wayne Counties



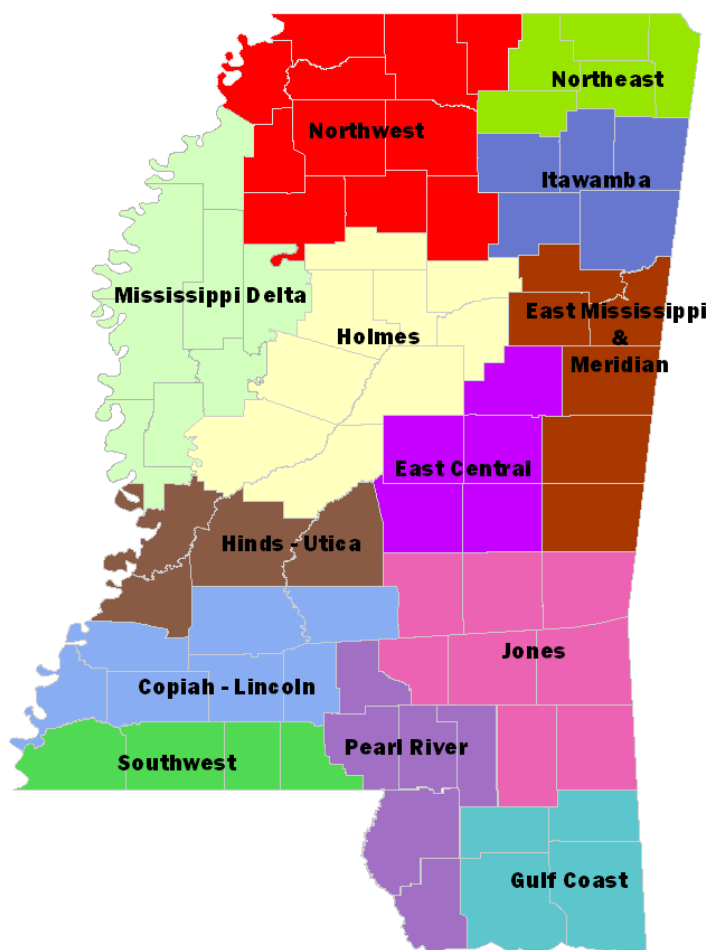
Planning & Development Districts

Central Mississippi	Copiah, Hinds, Madison, Rankin, Simpson, Warren, and Yazoo Counties
East Central Mississippi	Clarke, Jasper, Kemper, Lauderdale, Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott, and Smith Counties
Golden Triangle	Choctaw, Clay, Lowndes, Noxubee, Oktibbeha, Webster, and Winston Counties
North Central Mississippi	Attala, Carroll, Grenada, Holmes, Leflore, Montgomery, and Yalobusha Counties
North Delta	Coahoma, DeSoto, Panola, Quitman, Tallahatchie, Tate and Tunica Counties
Northeast Mississippi	Alcorn, Benton, Marshall, Prentiss, Tippah, and Tishomingo Counties
South Delta	Bolivar, Humphreys, Issaquena, Sharkey, Sunflower, and Washington Counties
Southern Mississippi	Covington, Forrest, George, Greene, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Jeff Davis, Jones, Lamar, Marion, Pearl River, Perry, Stone, and Wayne Counties
Southwest Mississippi	Adams, Amite, Claiborne, Franklin, Jefferson, Lawrence, Lincoln, Pike, Walthall, and Wilkinson Counties
Three Rivers	Calhoun, Chickasaw, Itawamba, Lafayette, Lee, Monroe, Pontotoc, and Union Counties



Community College Districts

Copiah-Lincoln	Adams, Copiah, Franklin, Jefferson, Lawrence, Lincoln, and Simpson Counties
East Central	Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott, and Winston Counties
East Mississippi and Meridian	Clay, Kemper, Lauderdale, Lowndes, Noxubee, and Oktibbeha Counties
Gulf Coast	George, Harrison, Jackson, and Stone Counties
Hinds-Utica	Claiborne, Hinds, Rankin, and Warren Counties
Holmes	Attala, Carroll, Choctaw, Grenada, Holmes, Madison, Montgomery, Webster, and Yazoo Counties
Itawamba	Chickasaw, Itawamba, Lee, Monroe, and Pontotoc Counties
Jones	Clarke, Covington, Greene, Jasper, Jones, Perry, Smith and Wayne Counties
Mississippi Delta-Coahoma	Bolivar, Coahoma, Humphreys, Issaquena, Leflore, Sharkey, Sunflower, and Washington Counties
Northeast	Alcorn, Prentiss, Tippah, Tishomingo and Union Counties
Northwest	Benton, Calhoun, DeSoto, Lafayette, Marshall, Panola, Quitman, Tallahatchie, Tate, Tunica, and Yalobusha Counties
Pearl River	Forrest, Hancock, Jeff Davis, Lamar, Marion, and Pearl River Counties
Southwest	Amite, Pike, Walthall, and Wilkinson Counties



Description of the Unemployment Rate Calculation

General summary of how the unemployment rate is calculated

- Monthly estimates of the labor force, employment, unemployment and the unemployment rate are generated by the Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program, a cooperative program between the Bureau of Labor Statistics and State Employment Security Agencies.
- Statistics on the employment status of the population and related data are compiled by the Bureau of Labor Statistics using data from the Current Population Survey (CPS). The CPS is a monthly survey of households conducted by the US Census Bureau. It is a scientifically selected survey designed to represent the civilian noninstitutional population of the United States.
- Households selected are interviewed to obtain information about the employment status of each member of the household 16 years of age and older. The inquiry relates to employment activity or status during the calendar week, Sunday through Saturday, which includes the 12th day of the month. This week is known as the reference week.
- The survey is designed so that each person who is over the age of 16 and who is not in an institution such as prison or mental hospital or on active duty with the Armed Forces is only counted and classified in one group; employed, unemployed or not in the labor force.
- The Bureau of Labor Statistics defines an individual employed if they did any work at all for pay or profit during the survey week; this includes all part-time and temporary work as well as full time year round employment. Unemployed individuals are those who do not have a job, have actively looked for work during the past four weeks and are currently available for work. The sum of employed and unemployed produces the Civilian Labor Force.
- Each month about 60,000 households are eligible to be interviewed nationally.
- Households in the survey are rotated out of the survey in a manner to ensure that 75% of the households are consistent from one month to the next and 50% of the households are consistent from the same month of the prior year.
- The results of the CPS survey are “**residence**” based; meaning the physical location of a person’s residence rather than the location of the establishment where they are employed.
- Other statistics generated by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security’s Labor Market Information Department are “**establishment**” based, meaning the location of the establishment where they are employed.
- Each month the MDES LMI Department processes information from the CPS, County continued claims (Unemployment Insurance claims that are paid), and a monthly survey of employment. These factors are used to estimate the employment, unemployment, labor force and resulting unemployment rate. A Statistical Model using historical trends and current amounts produces estimated amounts, which are reviewed and approved by the Bureau of Labor Statistics before publication. These methods are consistent for all states.

Glossary of Terms

All Benefit Programs – includes regular UI program and federal programs, such as UCFE, UCX, FAC and EUC.

Civilian Labor Force – that proportion of the civilian noninstitutional population that is employed or actively seeking employment. The labor force is the sum of the number of employed and unemployed.

Civilian Noninstitutional Population – included are persons 16 years of age and older residing in the 50 states and the District of Columbia who are not inmates of institutions (for example, penal and mental facilities, homes for the aged), and who are not on active duty in the Armed Forces.

Continued Claim – a request for benefit payment or a notice filed to obtain credit for a waiting period week.

Employed – all persons who during the reference week, (a) did any work at all as paid employees, worked in their own business, profession, or on their own farm or worked 15 hours or more as unpaid workers in an enterprise operated by a member of the family, and (b) all those who were not working but who had jobs or businesses from which they were temporarily absent because of vacation, illness, bad weather, childcare problems, maternity or paternity leave, labor management dispute, job training or other family or personal reasons, whether or not they were paid for the time off or were seeking other jobs. Persons are counted only once even if they hold multiple jobs.

First Payment – a payment issued to a claimant for his compensable week of unemployment in a benefit year.

Final Payment – the last benefit payment a claimant receives in a benefit year.

Initial Claim – a request for determination of entitlement for unemployment insurance benefits when a break in job attachment has occurred.

Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) – the general concept of an MSA is one of a large population nucleus, together with adjacent communities that have a high degree of economic and social integration with that nucleus. These are defined by the Office of Management and Budget as a standard for Federal agencies in the preparation and publication of statistics relating to metropolitan areas.

Not Seasonally Adjusted – this term is used to describe data series not subject to the seasonal adjustment process. In other words, the effects of regular, or seasonal, patterns have not been removed from these series.

Reference Week – the calendar week, Sunday through Saturday, this includes the 12th day of the month.

Regular UI Program – the state unemployment insurance program which provides unemployment benefits to eligible workers who are unemployed through no fault of their own. Does not include any federal programs.

Seasonally Adjusted – monthly data that is adjusted (at the National level) to minimize the changes in any time series which result from normal annual occurrences such as holidays, vacations, harvests, and the opening and closing of schools. Because these seasonal events follow a more or less regular pattern each year, their influence on statistical trends can be eliminated by adjusting the statistics from month to month. Amounts are seasonally adjusted at the National and State levels only.

Unemployed – all persons who had no employment during the reference week, were available for work, except for temporary illness, and had made specific efforts to find employment during the 4-week period ending with the reference week. Persons who were waiting to be recalled to a job from which they had been laid off need not have been looking for work to be classified as unemployed. Persons that are classified as unemployed have not necessarily filed or would be eligible for unemployment benefits.

Unemployment Rate – the unemployment rate represents the number of unemployed as a percent of the civilian labor force.



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